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1. SYG LUNS CALLED CHARGE ON FEBRUARY 27 CONCERNING OUR  
9 FEBRUARY REQUEST THAT HE DEFER ACTION ON INVITING  
CINCHAN TO THE NEXT NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. HE STRESSED  
THE EMBARRASSMENT THAT CONTINUED DELAY WAS CAUSING HIM  
AND RENEWED IN STRONG TERMS THE POINTS HE MADE ON FEBRUARY  
9 (REF A), THAT HE COULD NOT REFUSE AN INVITATION TO  
CINCHAN AS ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND THAT  
CINCHAN HAS NUCLEAR FORCES POTENTIALLY UNDER HIS COMMAND.  
HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN THE "IMPOSSIBLE" SITUATION IN WHICH

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THE US POSITION PLACED HIM AND URGED A PROMPT REACTION  
FROM WASHINGTON SINCE HE COULD NOT DEFER TAKING ACTION  
MUCH LONGER.

2. COMMENT: LUNS' CALL REINFORCES THE DEPTH OF HIS CON-  
CERN AND NEED FOR EARLY AND POSITIVE US RESPONSE TO  
CINCHAN ATTENDANCE REQUEST. WE BELIEVE LUNS FULLY APPRE-

CIATES THAT HE CANNOT ACT INDEPENDENTLY ON MATTERS OF NPG MEMBERSHIP, BUT HE IS UNLIKELY TO FEEL HE CAN BOW TO THE US WHEN HE SEES HIMSELF PLACED IN A POSITION OF DISCRIMINATING AMONG MNCS AND WHEN HE HAS RECEIVED OBJECTIONS FROM NO OTHER ALLIES.

3. WE BELIEVE THE QUESTION OF CINCHAN ATTENDANCE AND ANY REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE NPG ARRANGEMENT (REF D) CAN AND SHOULD BE SEPARATED. CLEARLY, WE CANNOT USE THE LATTER POINT WITH LUNS OR THE ALLIES - AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE - AS A REASON FOR EXCLUDING CINCHAN. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS MINOR QUESTION NEED AFFECT ANY LIKELY MODIFICATION OF THE NPG THAT WE MAY DECIDE TO EXPLORE IN THE USG OR WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

4. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD TO THE "CASE-BY-CASE" PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, WHILE EMPHASIZING THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD MEET LUNS CONCERNS AND ACCEPT CINCHAN ATTENDANCE AT THE APRIL NPG. FURTHER DELAY IN RESPONDING TO LUNS WILL COMPOUND THIS PROBLEM UNNECESSARILY. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED PROMPT GUIDANCE.  
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